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TOPIC Military information from Prenzlau

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 6 September 1952, the barracks installation on the south-east side of Berliner Strasse, Prenzlau, was occupied by about 300 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and who were quartered in 4 buildings and 200 Volkspolizei who were quartered in another building.

JS tanks were no longer noticed. Lieutenant Colonel Shurablov, Pustarov, Vosenko and Chernin, all (fnu) and phonetically spelled, were repeatedly seen in the installation.

that Chernin had only recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. During the period from 20 August to 5 September 1952, numerous tanks arrived at the installation from the Prenzlau railroad station or were seen moving from the installation to the railroad station.

tanks leaving the installation were occupied only by Volkspolizei, but those arriving transported both, Volkspolizei and Russians.

Volkspolizei units were being activated in the installation and subsequently marched to Torgelow with their tanks.

tanks to be loaded or unloaded about midnight. The following tanks were dispatched from Prenzlau railroad station:

20 August, 5 a.m. : 12 T-34/85 tanks

24 August, 5 a.m. : 15 JS-2 tanks

26 August, 4 a.m. : 20 JS-2 tanks and 4 T-34/85 tanks

28 August, 6:30 a.m. : 3 T-34-type tank chassis

29 August, 4:30 a.m. : 14 JS-2 tanks, 1 T-34/85 tank and 3 T-34-type tank chassis

30 August, 4:30 a.m. : 5 JS-2 tanks and 1 T-34-type tank chassis.

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The following tanks were unloaded at Prenzlau railroad station:

30 August, 5 a.m. : 5 T-34/85 tanks

30 August, 7 a.m. : 7 T-34/85 tanks

1 September, 5 p.m. : 20 T-34/85 tanks

2 September, 5 a.m. : 20 T-34/85 tanks

3 September, 3 p.m. : 9 T-34/85 tanks

4 September, 9 a.m. : 9 T-34/85 tanks

4 September, 2 p.m. : 18 T-34/85 tanks

5 September, 12 p.m. : 20 T-34/85 tanks.

On 4 September, 90 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns marched to the firing range south of the barracks installation. Three T-34/85 tanks practiced driving south of the installation on 5 September. The tanks were maintained and repaired by German mechanics and Soviet soldiers. Volkspolizei were not seen at training activity.

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that the units from Prenzlau were still there and that much construction work was done on the grounds.

4. After 25 August, about 200 officers of almost all branches of service would assemble in one of the garages of the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse. On 9 September, they were addressed by a general who had arrived in a Volkspolizei car. Most of the officers were billeted in the barracks installation proper, with only the general and several officers having their billets in requisitioned apartments on Thormer Strasse. The officers, who were noticeably well dressed and had good manners, had time off in the afternoons and were often seen in town. In addition to the officers, about 70 other soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the installation prior to 6 September. Twenty-nine JS-2 tanks were still seen in the garages. Lieutenant Colonel Kushin (fnu) (phonetic spelling) was repeatedly noticed in the garages.

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probably, Unit Kushin would not return from the summer camp, provided that the quarters under construction in the summer camp would be completed in time. **

5. On 15 September, the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse was occupied by Soviet troops. About 200 young soldiers engaged in training. Four T-34 tanks were parked in the yard and about 10 JS tanks in the garages.

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The majority of the tanks reported in paragraph 1 to have been unloaded were previously observed when they crossed the border and arrived in Frankfurt/Oder. The report furthermore confirms previous assumptions that a re-dispatching point for tanks to be issued to VP units in Eastern Mecklenburg is stationed in Prenzlau. The officers observed are believed to belong to this office. The present report fails to clearly indicate whether the 54 JS-2s dispatched at the end of August were also consigned to VP units. However, [REDACTED] it is fairly definite that the tanks concerned were also going out to the Volkspolizei. Information that elements of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army would stay at Templin over the winter has been reported [REDACTED]

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